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**Phased rollout of Primary Free School Meals for the youngest children from September 2022 onwards.**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

From the new Autumn term 2/09/2022 all Reception and Year 1 children will be offered Free School Meals. All Year 2 pupils will follow shortly after with the option to take up a Universal Free School Meal. This is an important step in reaching the shared ambition of ensuring no child goes hungry while in school.

In response to the current rising cost-of-living, Welsh Government and Caerphilly County Borough Council are committed to implementing this scheme quickly and would ask for your patience as we build catering capacity to ensure a successful phased implementation and work towards a whole school roll-out over the next three years. The scheme will be rolled out further to enable all KS2 children access a FSM from September 2023.

Please notify your school if you intend your child to stay for Universal Free School meal lunches and informing them of any special dietary requirements they may have before the end of the summer term. Please rest assured that if your child is currently in receipt of free school meals and/or any other associated benefits, these will **not** be affected.

Kind regards  
Mr Harris  
Headteacher

